

PE2160/F: Introduce an energy strategy

Petitioner written submission, 5 December 2025

The petitioner refers to point the following:

1. In addition to the windfarms, there are planning applications for many Battery Energy Storage Systems which should also be taken into account.
2. The matter of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, which underpins infrastructure for climate change, should also be taken into consideration. There is specifically no provision for disabled access or electric bikes and scooters. The latter which are driven by motors, in contravention of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.
3. The Aarhus Convention is created to empower the role of citizens and civil society organisations in environmental matters and is founded on the principles of participative democracy.

The Aarhus Convention establishes a number of rights to the individuals and civil society organizations with regard to the environment. The Parties to the Convention are required to make the necessary provisions so that public authorities, at a national, regional or local level, will contribute to these rights to become effective. The Aarhus Convention provides for:

Access to environmental information:

- The right of the citizens to receive environmental information that is held by public authorities

Public participation in environmental decision making:

- The right of the citizens to participate in preparing plans, programmes, policies, and legislation that may affect the environment.

Access to justice:

- The right of the citizens to have access to review procedures when their rights with respect to access to information or public participation have been violated.

The Convention's Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) was adopted at the Fifth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Kiev, Ukraine, in May 2003 and entered into force in October 2009. Its objective is to enhance public access to information through the establishment of coherent, nationwide pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTRs). PRTRs are inventories of pollution from industrial sites and other sources.

To date, this has not been permitted.

These points should be taken into account during the evidence session.

I have made it clear to the Enterprise company HIE that I will have no involvement after 14 January 2026, unless I am paid.

Just because I have the experience and qualifications to deal with these matters, does not mean that I am doing it free of charge, especially as the MSPs in the Highlands do not have the courtesy to respond to emails or phone calls.

The information will simply be in Environmental News, which will be published at the end of January.